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the finest passages of the poem, superior to Cowper's. One forenoon, while he was going over Pope's villa at Twickenham, in company with Rogers and myself, he said, "Oh, how I should like to pass the remainder of my days in a house which was the abode of a man so deservedly celebrated!"

He was fond of Foote's plays, and would often recite scenes from them.

My passages of him by heart.

He greatly admired and used often to repeat the following passage from the Preface to *Middleton's Fables*:

"I persuade myself that the life and faculties of man, at the best but short and limited, cannot be employed more rationally or laudably than in the search of knowledge; and especially that such which relate to the conduct of our lives, and the improvement of our natures, are most proper to our happiness. In these inquiries, therefore, wherever I perceive any glimmering of truth before me, I readily pursue and endeavour to trace it to its source, without any reserve or caution of pushing the discovery too far, or opening too great a door to error, and I am not at all scrupulous of saying of anything which is true as a valuable acquisition to society; which cannot possibly hurt or obstruct the good effect of any other truth whatsoever; for they all partake in one common essence, and necessarily are all united to the public, in the same relation, which fall separately into the river, mix themselves at once with the stream, and strengthen the general current."

He liked Moore's *Fables for the Female Sex*, and he has heard him repeat the one which is entitled 'The Female Seducers'. The poetaster having put up Wilkes's edition of *Theophrastus*, and praised it highly, Porson exclaimed, "Poo, poo, it is like its editor,—of no character."—"I was very intimate with Wilkes. He felt excessively angry at the account given of him in Gibbon's 'Journal'—in the quarto edition of his *Miscellaneous Works*, l. 100,—and said to me that 'Gibbon must have been drunk when he wrote that passage.' The fact is, Lord Sheffield's private secretary, the editor of the quarto edition, Gibbon had written about Wilkes if the whole of it had appeared there, so it afterwards did in the octavo edition. I have no doubt that Wilkes would have called out Lord

Sheffield.)  
 P. Porsenn would often carry in his pocket a volume of *A Cordial for Low Spirits*.  
 On returning from a visit to the Lakes, I told Porsenn that his friends had said to me, "My *Mados* has brought me in a mere trifle; but that poem will be a valuable possession to my family." Porsenn answered, "*Mados* will be read—when Homer and Virgil are forgotten" (a bon-mot which reached Lord Byron, and which his lordship spelt).  
 "Reading folios, "because," said he, "we meet with so few little stones" (i. e. we have such long intervals between the turning over of the leaves).  
 The last book he ever purchased was Watson's *Horace*; the last author he ever read was Pausanias.

"I wish if I could produce any origin I wish which would command the attention of posterity. I can be known only by my notes; and I am quite satisfied if, three hundred years hence, it shall be said, 'This was the man who first opened the eyes of the eighteenth century, who did a good deal for the text of Euripides.'"

The Letters on the *Origins of Species*, signed "J. B. P." are undoubtedly by Person. Kidd says that "his mind must have been overclouded" at the time he wrote those Letters: which is not true; his mind was then in its soundest and most vigorous state. They show plainly enough with what confidence he wrote them. "Why do you speak out more plainly on matters of religion?" he would answer, "No, no; I shall take care not to give my enemies a handle; but I will not let my friends be deceived." The *Letters to the Unitarians* (which Carlisle of Fleet-street reprinted) was also certainly by Person. I transcribed it from a copy in his own handwriting.

Person knew who wrote *Six more Letters to Granville Sharp*, which, according to the title-page, are by Gregory Blount. They were very generally attributed to Person; and I have been a book-

but I have little doubt that he gave some assistance to the author, particularly in the notes. He always praised the work, and recommended it to his friends. I have often heard him repeat the following lines, which, I presume, were his own composition :—

*" Poëta non latetur tribus,  
Pæd, Petro Pindar, parvo Phylus :  
Nil alterius in gergia,  
Adde his Sir James Bland Burgess.*

Forson thought meanly of the medical science, and hated consulting physicians. He once said to me, " I have been staying with Dr. Davy at Cambridge : I was unwell, and he prevailed upon me to call in a physician, who took my money, and did me no good."

During the earlier part of our acquaintance, I have heard him speak of himself as a "man of letters," and he has declared that he despised *fabulae anties*, and quoting Epicharmus (from Cicero), &c. He was once holding forth in this strain, when Dr. Rabinson said to him, "I have heard you speak of yourself as a man of letters, and I have heard you speak of despising *fabulae anties*." "I have heard you speak of yourself as a man of letters, and I have heard you speak of despising *fabulae anties*," said several persons who, though, when in perfect health, they talked as you do now, were yet dreadfully alarmed when death was really near them."

A man of such habits as Porson was little fitted for the duties of a Librarian, or of a Librarian's Institution. He was very irregular in his attendance there; he never troubled himself about the purchase of books which ought to have been added to the library; and he was very careless in his management of the library after midnight. I have good reason to believe that, had he lived, he would have been requested to give up the office—in other words, he would have been asked to resign the office of Librarian of the Institution, by the Directors of the Institution, and such contained, among other severe things, this cutting remark:—"We only know that you are our Librarian because you are a man of letters." "I have heard you speak of yourself as a man of letters, and I have heard you speak of despising *fabulae anties*," said several persons who, though, when in perfect health, they talked as you do now, were yet dreadfully alarmed when death was really near them."

It is a intimate friend, Dr. Raine, was one of those who signed that letter; and Raine, speaking of it to me, said, "Porson well deserved it." As

partments rent-free, and the use of a servant. Yet he was eternally railing at the Directors, calling them "mercantile and mean beyond merchandise and manners."

During the last two years of his life I could perceive that he was not a little shaken; and it is really wonderful, when we consider his drinking, and the total disregard of hours, that he lived so long as he did. He told me that he had had an affection of the lungs from his boyhood.

Wool:—Although the imports of wool into the United Kingdom have very greatly extended during the last fifteen years—having amounted in 1853 to 14,700,000 lbs., and in 1867 to 37,700,150 lbs.—the exports have not so considerably increased, viz. from 90,832,584 lbs. in the last year, as compared with 11,725,309 lbs. in 1864, the result being that the excess of imports over exports did not exceed 14,700,000 lbs. compared with 107,671,000 lbs. in 1864. South Africa sent us 7,221,446 lbs. of wool in 1864, while in 1867 the total had risen to

36 126,756 lbs. The receipts from British India show that, with a small advance, having been 153,620 lbs. last year against 140,000 in 1857, 1858, and 1859, the United Kingdom which more largely contributed to the progress of our wool imports, having sent us 47,076,010 lbs. in 1854, and 138,108,170 lbs. in 1867, 21,381,281 lbs. in 1867. The European sources of our wool supply have no progress whatever, but, on the contrary, rather a falling off. The excess of imports available for home consumption attained its maximum last year, when it was 17,758,000 lbs.; in 1854 it was 12,761,717 lbs.; in 1855 it was 13,600,000 lbs.; in 1856 it was 13,500,396 lbs.; in 1857 it was 13,449,703 lbs.; in 1862, 12,866,973 lbs.; and in 1861, 92,795,787 lbs.

The Austrian Empire, desirous of increasing the

year against 12,400,869 lbs. in 1854. Australia is the quarter of the world which most largely contributed to the progress of our wool imports, having sent us 47,076,010 lbs. in 1854, and 138,108,176 lbs. in 1867. The second quarter, the United States, sent us 21,381,281 lbs. in 1857. The European sources of our wool supply show no progress whatever, but, on the contrary, rather a falling off. The excess of imports available for home consumption attained its maximum last year, when it was 17,735,753 lbs.; in 1865 it was 129,761,817 lbs.; in 1864, 150,639,096 lbs.; in 1863, 129,666,973 lbs.; in 1862, 129,866,973 lbs.; and in 1861, 92,795,787 lbs.

The Austrian Emperor, desirous of remunerating the

barristers who undertook the perilous duty of defending his brother Maximilian, offered each of these gentlemen a large sum of money, which they steadily refused. The Emperor has, therefore, sent to each a magnificent service of plate of the value of 50,000 florins; and to the priest who accompanied the captive to the place of execution, a jewelled cross of equal value.

An encounter of unusual fierceness has just occurred at Parma, between a Lieutenant of Bersaglieri and an ex-Garibaldian. The duel was to be "to the death."

and commenced with pistols, but apparently the combatants were poor marksmen, for they fired four shots each without any damage being done. They then took to sabres, and the Garibaldian received seven wounds, none of them dangerous. The bersagliere was wounded in four places, and two of the wounds in the head, are said to be dangerous. The duel had to be suspended. A lady is reported to have been the cause of the quarrel. Lately, at Miran, a retired officer of the army, who is now editor of a newspaper, brought a whole regiment upon his hands by some

satirical remarks upon its officers. He had a series of duels, in nearly all of which he came off conqueror.







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## SALES BY AUCTION.

WEDNESDAY, August 19th, 1886.

Jury's Bottled Port, bottled by Scroggie.

By order of the Commission of the Paris Exhibition.

To Wine and Spirit Merchants, Storekeepers, and others.

JOHN G. COHEN will sell, at the Bank

Auction, on FRIDAY, 21st August, at 11 o'clock.

50 cases, each 4 dozen, Barley's porter, quarts

50 ditto, ditto ditto, champagne bottles

50 ditto, ditto ditto, ditto ditto, ditto ditto,

bottled by Scroggie.

50 cases, each 4 dozen, Byrnes's bottled porter.

Sale of Unserviceable Government Stores.

FRIDAY, 21st August, at 11 o'clock.

At the Colonial Government Stores, Lower George-street.

M. R. H. D. COCKBURN has been instructed

by the Hon. the Colonial Treasurer to sell by

auction, on FRIDAY, 21st August, at 11 o'clock,

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For Positive Sale.

Eight Cases, just received ex Black Swan, from

Maryborough.

THIS DAY, Wednesday, August 19.

MR. CHARLES TEAKLE will sell by

auction, at his Rooms, Wynyard-street, THIS

DAY, at half-past 10 o'clock.

Without the least reserve.

8 cases, comprising

50 dozen crimson shirts, light ground, fancy wool, and

200 pairs men's trousers

10 dozen under flannels

100 pairs men's tweed trousers

10 gross paper collars

10 dozen S. Scotch twill shirts

150 ditto French felt hats.

The above being for home sale, intending

purchasers are requested to view same prior to sale.

Terms liberal.

To close an account.

Finest Breakfast Conger.

To close an account.

R. F. STUBBS and CO. will sell by auc-

tion, at the Rooms, THIS DAY, at

11 o'clock.

70 half-chests fine yellow conger.

Particulars at sale.

Terms liberal.

NEW GOODS.

Capers, Castor Oil, Soda, Raisins, &amp;c.

Just landed ex Dartmouth.

R. F. STUBBS and CO. will sell by

auction, at the Rooms, THIS DAY,

August 19th, at 11 o'clock.

10 cases, each 6 dozen 1-pint capers

10 cases, each 6 dozen, Hore's 1-pint castor oil

40 bags carmelum, each 1 cwt.

20 barrels refined sulphur, each 1 cwt.

4 cases Sultana raisins (small boxes)

50 boxes Elmer.

Terms at sale.

New Currants and Raisins, &amp;c.

R. F. STUBBS and CO. will sell by auc-

tion, at the Rooms, THIS DAY,

August 19th, at 11 o'clock.

24 barrels currants

50 boxes Klime raisins

3 cases sultana

10 cases, each 4 boxes muscatels

25 boxes F. W. Williams' slightly damaged.

Terms at sale.

New Patna Rice.

On account of whom it may concern.

Ex Melbourne, from Calcutta.

R. F. STUBBS and CO. will sell by auc-

tion, at their Rooms, THIS DAY, at

11 o'clock.

74 bags new Patna rice.

Terms at sale.

Compton's Beans

Ditto Beans

Ditto Beans

A Prime Parcel now Landing, in splendid condition.

Ex Agnes Rose.

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